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SUBJ: MBFR: SUB-GROUP ON TACTICAL AIR (SGTA) FINAL REPORT

REF: STATE 290473 (DTG 092358Z DEC 75)

USNATO 3784 (DTG 161700Z JUL 75)

USNATO 3624 (DTG 081420Z JUL 75)

1. US REP (COLIN) NOTIFIED US APPROVAL OF THE WG COVER NOTE  
TO THE SGTA FINAL REPORT DURING THE MBFR WORKING GROUP  
MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 1975, PER STATE 290473.

2. WG CHAIRMAN (SMITH) NOTED THAT THE WG COVER NOTE WAS  
NOW OUTDATED FOLLOWING NAC APPROVAL OF OPTION III AND PRO-  
POSED THAT THE MBFR STAFF GROUP UPDATE THE NOTE TO TAKE  
COGNIZANCE OF THIS FACT.

3. MBFR STAFF GROUP CIRCULATED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS  
TO THE WG COVER NOTE (USNATO 3624):

-- PARA 5(A): DELETE THE PHRASE "AND TO POSSIBLE FORESEEN

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MODIFICATIONS OF THAT POSITION".

-- REPLACE PARAS 6, 7 AND 8 WITH:

(BEGIN TEXT)

RELEVANCE OF THE REPORT(1) TO THE PRESENT ALLIED NEGOTIATING

POSITION

6. ON 16TH OCTOBER 1973, THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL AGREED A REPORT(2) ON THE ALLIANCE APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS ON MBFR. THE GUIDELINES IN THAT REPORT, WHILE STRESSING THE ALLIED OBJECTIVE OF APPROXIMATE PARITY IN NATO AND WP GROUND FORCES IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS, DO NOT SPECIFICALLY LIMIT REDUCTIONS TO GROUND FORCES. HOWEVER, THE ALLIED FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL(3), APPROVED ON 21ST NOVEMBER, 1973, PROPOSES THAT REDUCTIONS BE MADE ONLY IN THE GROUND FORCES OF THE TWO SIDES IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

7. AN ALLIED PROPOSAL(4), TABLED IN VIENNA ON 16TH DECEMBER, 1975, MODIFIES THE ALLIED APPROACH AND INCLUDES CERTAIN ALLIED AIR ELEMENTS, VIZ:

(A) AS A ONE-TIME COMPLEMENT TO THE WESTERN REDUCTION CONTRIBUTION, THE US WOULD WITHDRAW FROM THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS TO THE US A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF ITS NUCLEAR CAPABILITY, INCLUDING 54 US NUCLEAR-CAPABLE F4 AIRCRAFT.

(B) IN ADDITION TO THE COMMON COLLECTIVE CEILING FOR GROUND FORCE MANPOWER WHICH MIGHT BE SET AT 700,000 MEN, THE ALLIES PROPOSE TO COMBINE WITH THIS FIGURE THAT OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT WOULD RESULT IN A COMBINED COMMON COLLECTIVE CEILING WHICH MIGHT BE SET AT APPROXIMATELY 900,000 MEN ON EITHER SIDE, AND WITHIN WHICH THE COMMON COLLECTIVE CEILING ON GROUND FORCE MANPOWER WOULD BE MAINTAINED. REDUCTIONS IN AIR MANPOWER ARE NOT PART OF THE PROPOSAL.

8. THE CURRENT ALLIED REDUCTION PROPOSALS ENVISAGE NO MUTUAL REDUCTIONS IN TACTICAL AIRCRAFT. THE ONLY AIR REDUCTION PROPOSAL IS, AS A ONE-TIME COMPLEMENT TO THE WESTERN REDUCTION CONTRIBUTIONS, THE WITHDRAWAL OF 54 US NUCLEAR-CAPABLE F4 AIRCRAFT, WHICH, THE US STATED(5) "CAN BE PROGRAMMED TO BE RETURNED RAPIDLY TO THE REDUCTIONS AREA IN THE EVENT OF A CRISIS". THE ALLIED PROPOSALS DO NOT REQUIRE THE WP TO REDUCE AIRCRAFT. ON THE OTHER HAND THE SUTDY(1) ON CONSIDERATIONS OF MUTUAL REDUCTIONS IN TACTICAL AIRCRAFT, EXAMINES ONLY MUTUAL AIRCRAFT REDUCTIONS AT HYPOTHETICAL SCALES. IT IS THE VIEW OF THE WORKING GROUP THAT THE SGTA

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STUDY IS NOT DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO THE CURRENT ALLIED REDUCTION PROPOSAL AND THE AIR REDUCTION CONTAINED IN IT.

FOOTNOTE:

- (1) AC/276-WP(74)15
- (2) C-M(73)83(FINAL)
- (3) PO/73/154 (NAG 2948 1973 NOV 220945Z)
- (4) C-M(75)74
- (5) USNATO/POL/OUT/NS/75-52

(END TEXT)

--"FINDINGS" SHOULD BE RENUMBERED AS PARA 14 (IT WAS ERRONEOUSLY NUMBERED 15 IN USNATO 3624; SUBSEQUENT PARAS

SHOULD BE RENUMBERED AS PARAS 15 AND 16).

-- NEW PARA 14(A): DELETE ALL AFTER "CURRENT ALLIED  
NEGOTIATING POSITION".

-- DELETE PARA 14(B) AND RENUMBER REMAINING SUBPARAS AS  
(B) AND (C) VICE (C) AND (D).

4. THE WG AGREED TO CLEAR THESE AMENDMENTS UNDER THE SILENCE  
PROCEDURE BY COB JANUARY 9, 1976.

5. ACTION REQUEST: REQUEST DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE BY COB  
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